

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 14, 2014

Those Present: Mr. Dick Zimmerman, Chairman
Mrs. Maggi Hays, Board Member
Mr. Rick Stup, Board Member
Mrs. Linda B. Thall, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Mr. Harold C. DeLauter, Alcoholic Bev. Inspector
Mr. Bob Shrum, Alcoholic Bev. Inspector
Ms. Kathy L. Vahle, Administrator
Mrs. Sandra Rees, Administrative Specialist IV
Mrs. Penny Bussard, Administrative Specialist IV

A Public Meeting was held at 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, and was called to order at 9 am by Chairman Zimmerman.

1. Decision Required: Reconsideration

RE: Martin Schipper for the use of
Shri Yamunaji, LLC
t/a Town Center Spirits &
Wine
11324 Fingerboard Rd.
Monrovia, MD 21770
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, Wine and Liquor,
Sunday permit

Mr. Schipper did not appear for this Reconsideration Hearing. Ms. Vahle stated she received a request for reconsideration from Martin Schipper on behalf of his application to be moved from the location he was originally approved for to a new location. The new location is the Jug Bridge Building in the upper level in the back right area. He requested to be put on the agenda for today and he has not appeared.

MOTION: Mrs. Hays made a motion to deny the request.

SECOND: Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE: Mrs. Hays – Aye
Mr. Zimmerman - Aye
Mr. Stup – Aye

The vote was unanimous. **Ayes – 3 Nay – 0**
(Motion Passed)

2. **Entertainment Policy** – This new policy was advertised to be discussed today at a Public Hearing and the public did not attend. Mr. Zimmerman corrected the second page paragraph, three, to read “6.9 not 6.09”. Mr. Stup distributed a summary of comments from different jurisdictions. Mr. Zimmerman wanted to be flexible to be able to allow an establishment to have entertainment later with a special request. Mrs. Hays would like to stay with the 1AM time. Mr. Shrum stated he and the Frederick City Police were concerned that when the bars let out all at once there could be a lot of crime activity. A copy of the new entertainment policy will be handed out during renewals and each licensee will sign for it.

MOTION: Mr. Stup made a motion to approve the entertainment policy as amended.

SECOND: Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Stup – Aye
Mr. Zimmerman - Aye
Mrs. Hays – Nay

The vote was. **Ayes – 2 Nay – 1**
(Motion Passed)

3. **Class DBR and On-Site Consumption Permit** – Mr. Savage, Flying Dog Brewery, appeared to discuss with the Board the reconsideration of the amount of the fee. Ms. Vahle swore in Mr. Savage (See Sign In Sheet). She stated she received an email from Mr. Phil Bowers regarding the fees which Ms. Vahle read to the Board and also presented a list of all the jurisdictions and their fees. Most have not created anything yet. The City of Baltimore is combining it with their Class D Beer Only Permit. Baltimore County their fee is \$1500. Hartford County has pending legislation that would make theirs \$1500. Howard County is \$500 and

Wicomico County is \$125. Mr. Savage stated the State has put a 500 barrel limit annually on the license and they will be open approximately 28 hours a week. Mr. Bowers and Mr. Savage are requesting to lower the fees from \$2500 to \$1500. Ms. Vahle stated that the 500 barrels are limited to the pub area and the tastings, tours and the large events are not included in the 500 barrels. They are allowed to have 12 events every year. Mr. Stup was concerned about the inspections and administrative issues. Mr. Stup stated he would allow the \$1500 fee on a trial basis for two years in order to gather data to see if it could be permanent. Mrs. Hays did not want the fee to be more than Baltimore. The Board will reconsider the fee of this Policy 4-14-2016.

MOTION: Mr. Stup made a motion to lower the fees from \$2,000 to \$1,000 and to keep the \$500 fee the same for a period of two years.

SECOND: Mrs. Hays seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE: Mrs. Hays – Aye
Mr. Stup - Aye
Mr. Zimmerman – Aye

The vote was unanimous. **Aye – 3 Nays – 0**
(Motion Passed)

4. **Multi Venue Wine License** – This license allows a non-profit organization to obtain a one day license and go to multiple locations. One of the Aldermen for the City of Frederick had this bill passed. There will be separate licenses for each location.

MOTION: Mrs. Hays made a motion to approve the Multi Venue Wine License Policy.

SECOND: Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE: Mrs. Hays – Aye
Mr. Zimmerman - Aye

Mr. Stup - Aye

The vote was unanimous. **Ayes – 3 Nay – 0**
(Motion Passed)

5. **Policy for the Census** – Mr. Zimmerman asked Ms. Vahle if the next person on the list would be chosen. Ms. Vahle stated that per the Board's Policy that was decided on in a Public Hearing, the next person would be notified and if they are no longer interested the next person on the list would be notified, etc.
6. Decision Required: Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2014. Mr. Stup amended the Public Meeting Minutes to say on the page 3 in the paragraph pertaining to Homewood where he recused himself as his mother is a resident, he wanted to add "and he is responsible for his mother's care".

Decision Required: Approval of the Staff Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2014. Mr. Zimmerman corrected the Staff Meeting Minutes to say on page 3 and to replace "a flexibility" with "the flexibility".

MOTION: Mr. Stup made a motion to approve the Staff Meeting and Public Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2014 as amended.

SECOND: Mrs. Hays seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion on the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Stup - Aye
Mrs. Hays - Aye
Mr. Zimmerman – Aye

The vote was unanimous. **Aye – 3 Nays – 0**
(Motion Passed)

The Board suspended the Public Meeting to return to the administrative function meeting 10:13AM.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vahle, Administrator
FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD

Prepared by Sandra Rees